term fiscal reforms programme aimed at reduction in revenue deficit. The Government of India has extended medium term assistance during 1999-2000 to those States who have entered into an agreement with Government of India for initiating monitorable fiscal reforms programme. These States are: Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim and Uttar Pradesh.

An Official Committee has also been set up to monitor and review the fiscal reforms programme of the States.

Fund for agricultural development in Maharashtra

2758. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to spend some amount of total funds for the schemes meant for agricultural development in Maharashtra State;

(b) if so, what is the percentage of the funds allotted to Maharashtra specially for ADIVASI district for its utilization, district-wise;

(c) whether Government have earmarked some blocks in far-flung areas of the State for some special assistance; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) to (d) The outlay approved for *Annual* Plan 2000-01 for Maharashtra stands at Rs. 11500 crore. Out of this, the State Government propose to spend Rs. 537.60 crore for agriculture and allied services. The amounts are not allocated separately for ADIVASI district. The earmarking of funds for some blocks in far-flung areas of the State vests with the State Government.